

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1-19 were rejected. Claims 1, 8, 15 and 18 have been amended.

Claims 15-17 were rejected under U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-5, 8-12, and 18-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yokomizo et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,907,835 (hereinafter "Yokomizo"). Claims 6-7 and 13-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokomizo.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 15 has been amended in response to the Examiner's rejection.

Based on the amendments and arguments above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. §112 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-5, 8-12, and 18-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yokomizo. Yokomizo discloses an electronic filing system that handles files prepared by different application programs by converting each file into a common data format from a print data format.

Applicants respectfully submit that Yokomizo fails to disclose extracting text information from the representation having a modified format generated by the printer driver module for output by a printer, as recited in amended claims 1, 8, and 18. The Examiner, in

his rebuttal to the applicants' previous response, cites the extraction of character information from the GDI codes. Yokomizo states:

On the other hand, the data to be transferred to the printer driver in case of printing by these applications are limited to QuickDraw (registered trademark) in case of Macintosh or GDI (registered trademark) in case Windows.

(Yokomizo, Col. 4, Lines 18-21).

In other words, the extraction that the Examiner refers to occurs prior to the conversion of the GDI codes by the printer driver into the print data format or conversion into the common data format. Therefore, the extraction of character information referred to by the Examiner is not from the representation from the printer driver module but from the original application file.

Applicants respectfully submit, therefore, that elements of claims 1, 8, and 18 are neither shown nor suggested by the cited reference. Claims 2-5, 9-12 and 19 depend from and further define claims 1, 8, and 18.

Based on the amendments and arguments above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-5, 8-12, and 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 6-7 and 13-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokomizo. As stated above, Yokomizo does not disclose extracting information from the representation, as claimed in claims 6-7, 13-14, and 16-17 through their dependence on claim 1, claim 8 and amended claim 15, respectively.

Based on the amendments and arguments above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 6-7 and 13-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

For all the above reasons, the Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 975-7500 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17 to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,

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